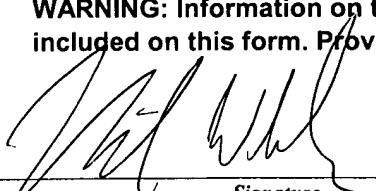


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** There are no amendments to the drawings.

**Remarks:** The "REMARKS" section begins on page 9 of this paper.